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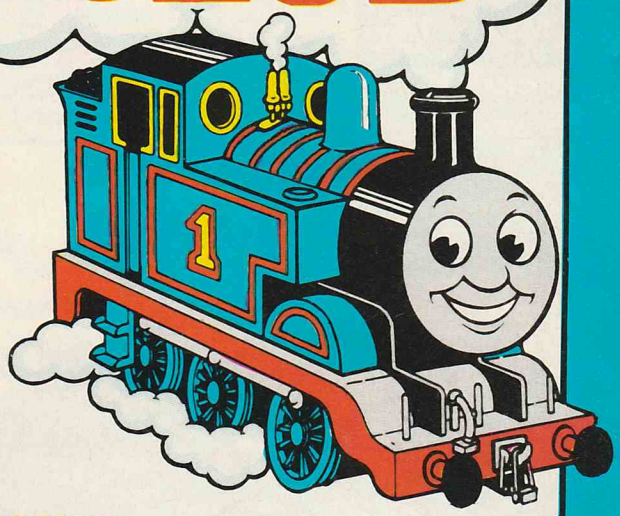

In this issue Gordon is made to look very foolish – find out how by reading the story beginning on the next page. Peep! Peep!

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It's so easy to join – and this page is **especially** for our members! Just collect **three** tokens like the one at the bottom of the page. There's one in every issue of **Thomas the Tank Engine & Friends.** Send the tokens, together with a self-addressed envelope (23cm × 16cm) complete with an **18p** stamp, to:
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In our next issue: Thomas gets into trouble with a policeman!

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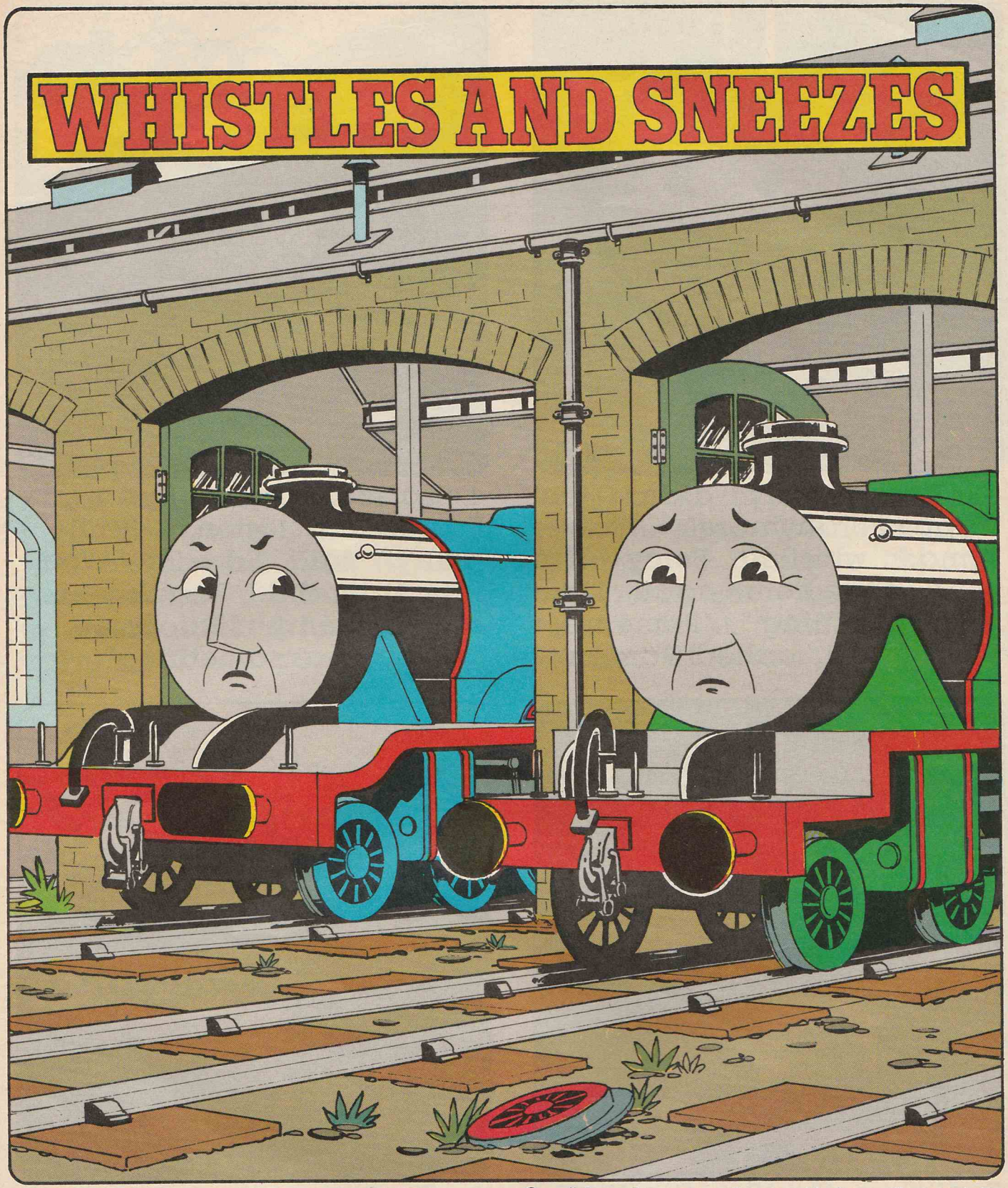
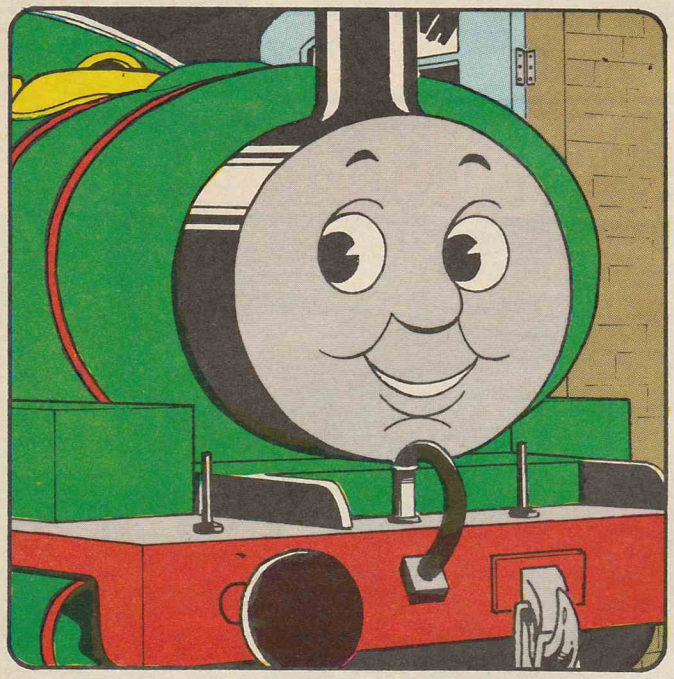


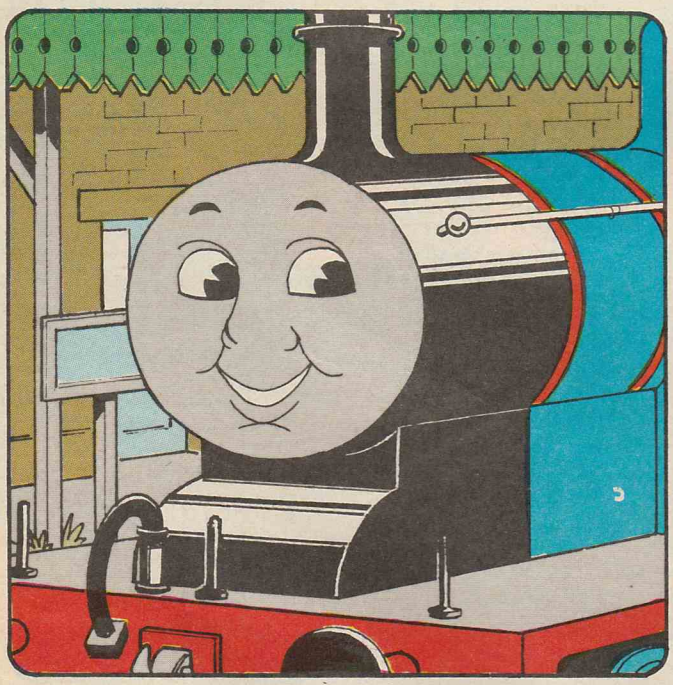
1. Gordon was cross. "Why should Henry be given a new shape? A shape good enough for me is good enough for him. It's disgraceful."

2. "And another thing," said Gordon. "Henry whistles too much. No respectable engine ever whistles loudly at stations. It isn't wrong but we just don't do it."

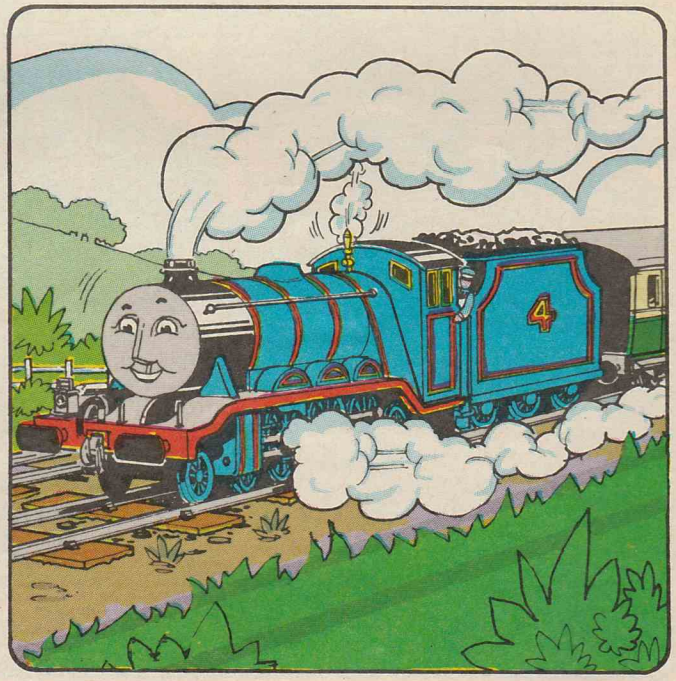


3. Poor Henry didn't feel happy anymore. "Never mind," whistled Percy. "I'm glad you're home again. I like your whistling." "Remember what I said," called Gordon.

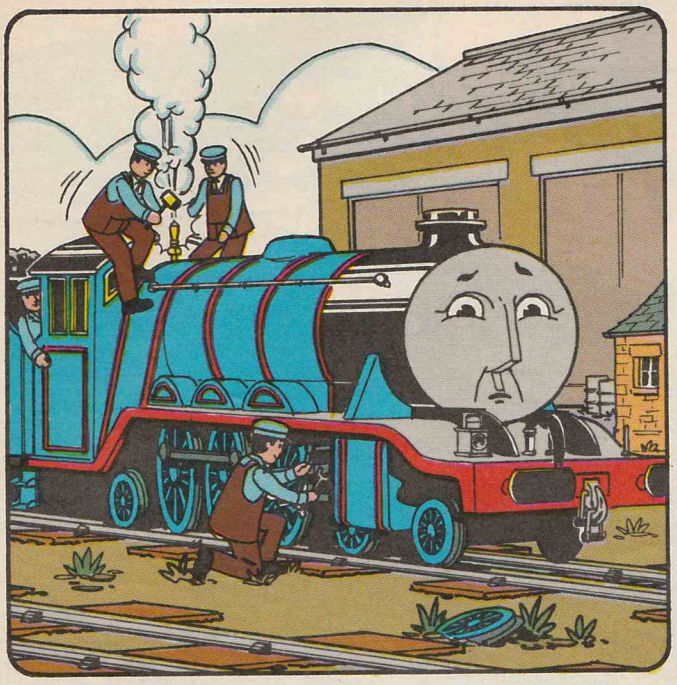
4. Later Henry stopped at Edward's station. "Hullo, Henry," said Edward. "You look splendid." "Thank you," smiled Henry. "But listen... Do you hear something?"



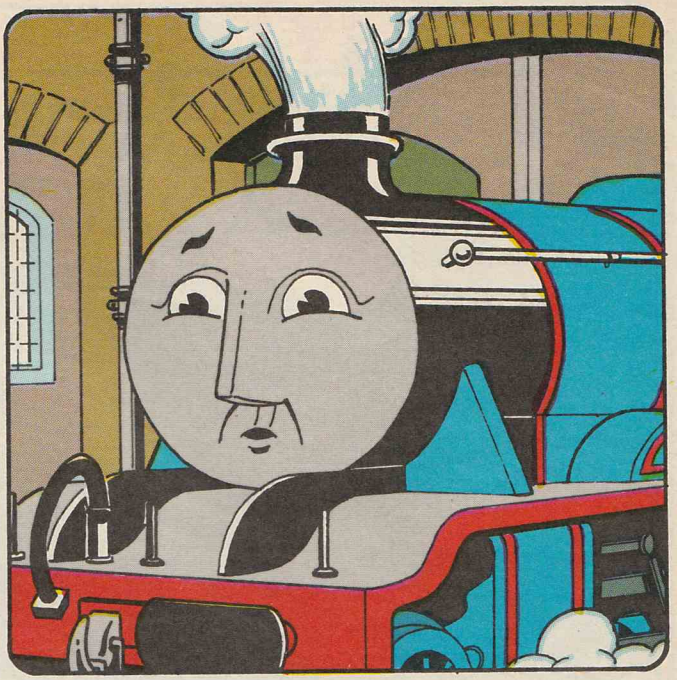
5. "It sounds like Gordon," said Edward. "And it ought to be Gordon, but Gordon never whistles like that." It **was** Gordon, rushing down the hill at a terrible rate.



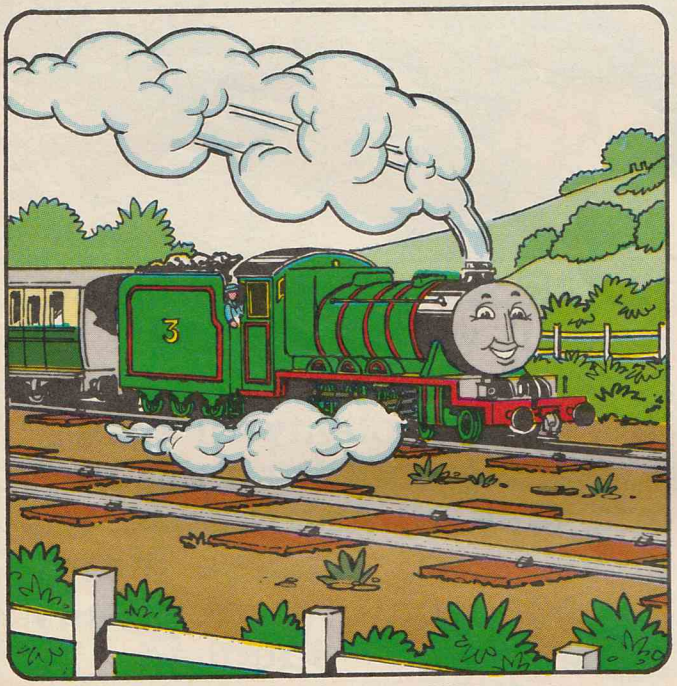
6. Gordon screamed straight through the station and disappeared. "It isn't wrong," chuckled Henry, "but we just don't do it," and he told Edward what Gordon had said.



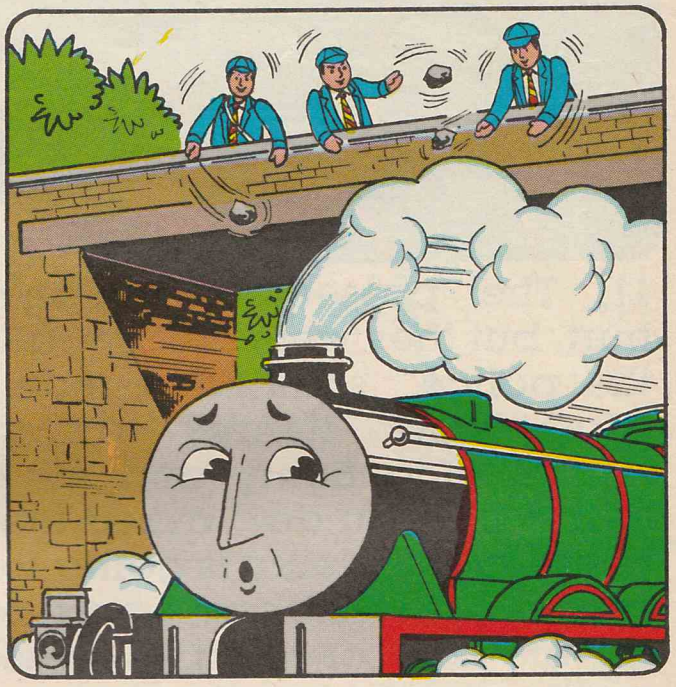
7. At the station everyone held their ears. The noise was awful and had to be stopped. Two fitters climbed up and knocked his whistle valve back into place.



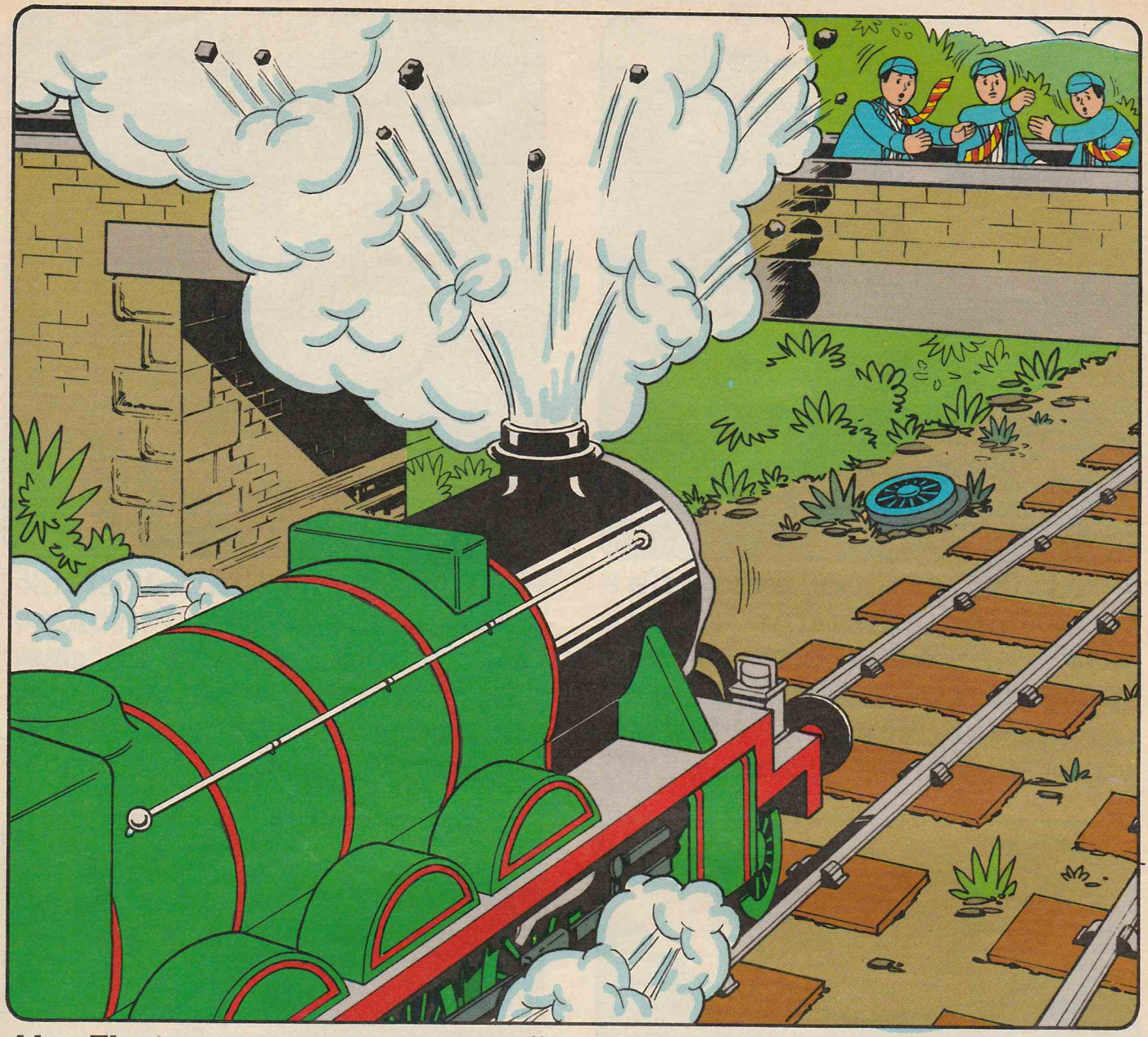
8. That night Gordon slunk into the shed. "It isn't wrong," murmured Henry to no one in particular, "but we just don't do it." No one mentioned whistles.



9. Next morning, Henry was enjoying himself enormously. "I feel so well. I feel so well," he sang. Then he saw some boys on a bridge. "Peep peep! Hullo," he whistled.



10. The boys didn't wave and take Henry's number. Instead they thought it fun to drop stones on him. The coaches sobbed, "Our glass is broken. Our glass is broken."



11. The passengers weren't hurt, but they were cross. "Call the police," shouted a man. "No," said Henry's driver. "Leave it to Henry and me." "What will you do?" asked the passengers. "Henry is going to sneeze at those boys," said the driver. Lots of people were waiting just before the bridge, so they could see what would happen.

12. "Please keep all windows shut till we have passed the bridge," said the driver. "Henry has plenty of ashes." Soon they could see the boys and they all had stones. The driver said, "Sneeze hard!" "Atishoooooh!" went Henry. "Well done," laughed his driver. Henry had taught Gordon and the boys a lesson with a whistle and a sneeze.

THE END

In our next issue: Thomas in trouble!

Fat Controller Mask

Do you ever play Thomas games? Now you can pretend to be the Fat Controller!
Ask a grown-up to help you make this mask.

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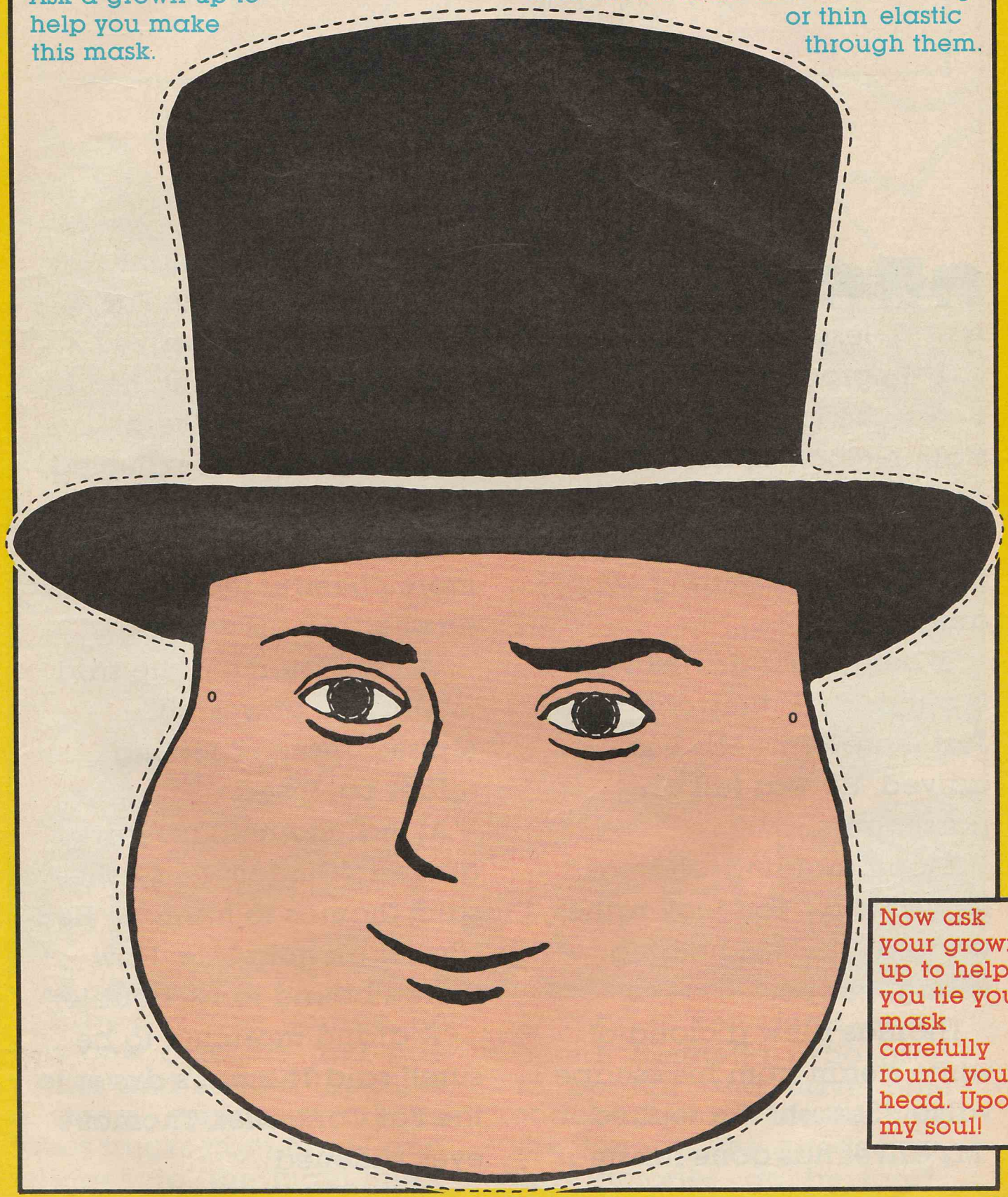


Now ask your grown-up to help you tie your mask carefully round your head. Upon my soul!

A read-aloud story!

A Late Start for Thomas

"Bless my buffers!" groaned Thomas as he looked at the station clock. "Where can my driver be?" It was almost half past eight, and Annie and Clarabel were getting very anxious.

"Where is our driver? Where is our driver?" they chorused. Just then, Bertie the Bus arrived. He was full of passengers.

"Good morning, Thomas," he grinned. "You look rather worried! There is nothing wrong, I hope."

Thomas blew a cloud of white steam from his escape valve. "Ssssssh!" he replied. "My driver has gone missing!"

At half past eight precisely, the Fat Controller arrived. "Splendid, splendid!" he said. Thomas was very surprised. He had expected the Fat Controller to be very angry, but he looked even more cheerful than usual as he checked his watch.

"All set, Thomas?" he said.

"Oh, sir... er, yes, sir," replied Thomas, feeling rather confused.

At that moment his driver arrived. "Cinders and ashes!" said Thomas to himself. "He's almost an **hour** late. Now there's bound to be trouble!"

"A grand morning, to be sure!" said Thomas's driver to the Fat Controller. Thomas's eyes widened.

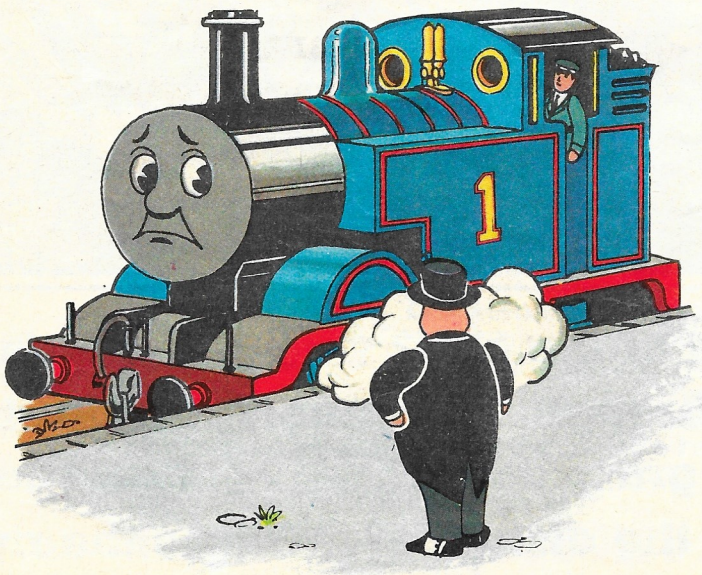
"The Fat Controller must know we are running late," he whispered to Annie and Clarabel, "but he doesn't seem to mind at all."

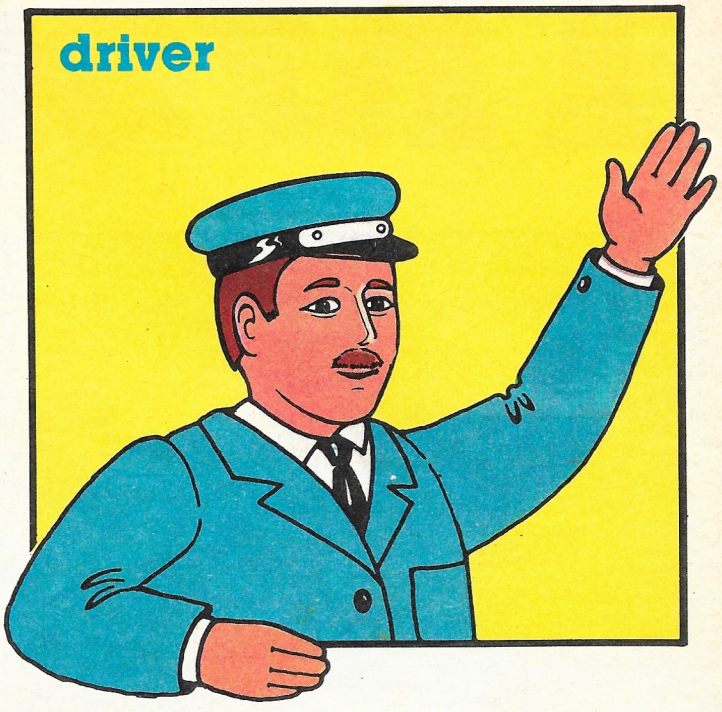
"Splendid weather for the time of year!" said the Fat Conroller airily. Thomas frowned. The Fat Controller turned and noticed his expression.

"That will never do, Thomas!" he said sternly. "Do cheer up now. After all, you've had an extra long rest!"

"But I was all ready at my usual time, sir," replied Thomas, puzzled.

"Excellent!" said the Fat Controller. "You set a perfect example to the other engines!"





A moment later, as Thomas puffed out of the station, he caught sight of a big poster. It read, 'All trains will run one hour later than normal until further notice'.

"The timetable's changed! The timetable's changed! And Thomas forgot!" sang Annie and Clarabel.

"Sshh!" replied Thomas. "If the other engines find out I will never hear the last of it. It will be our secret!" He puffed on down the line, feeling very embarrassed, with Annie and Clarabel singing happily behind him.

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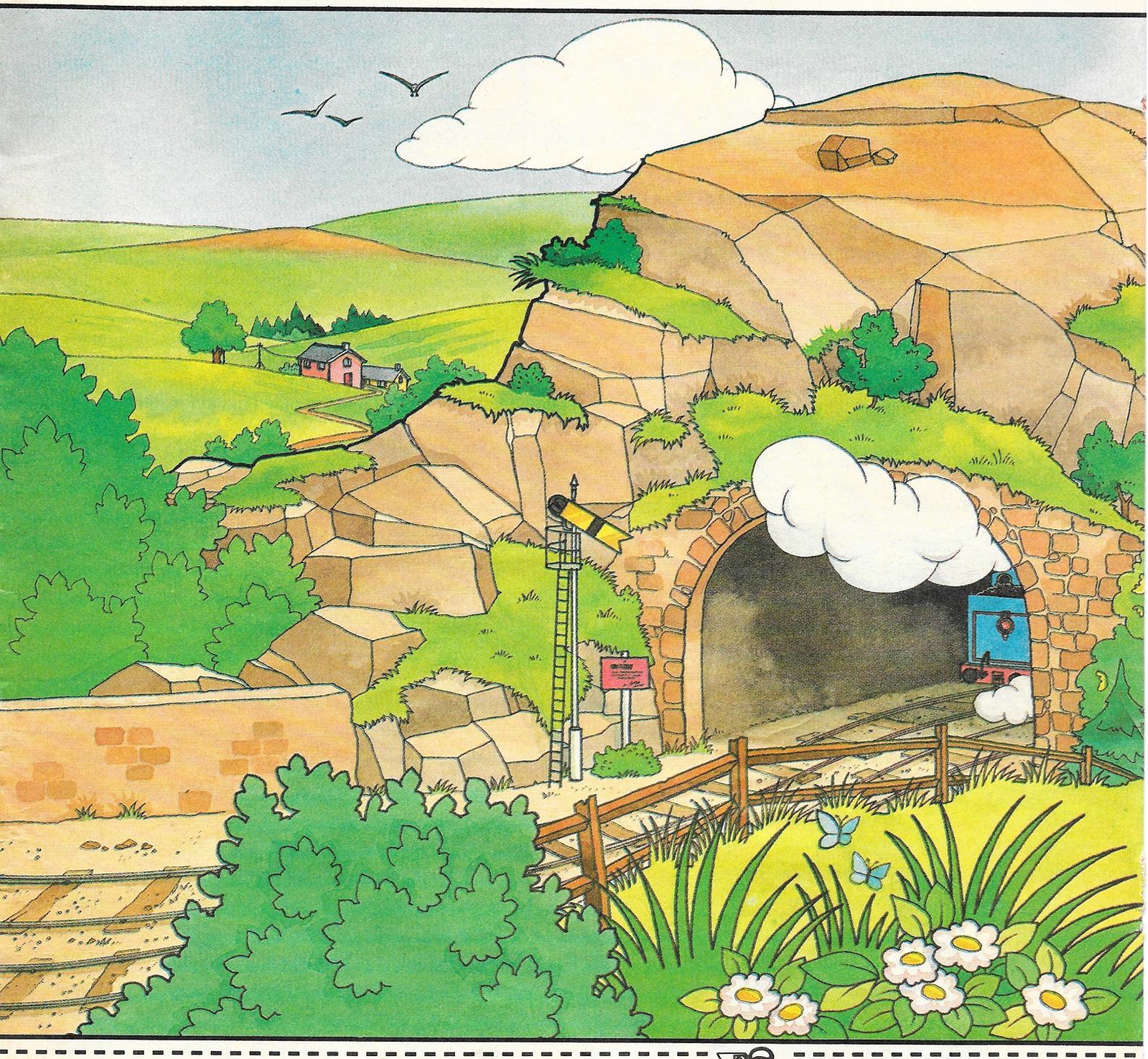

Has anyone reached the top of the cliff?
Who do you think is going through the tunnel?
What are the people on the grass doing?
Who can you see puffing in the distance?

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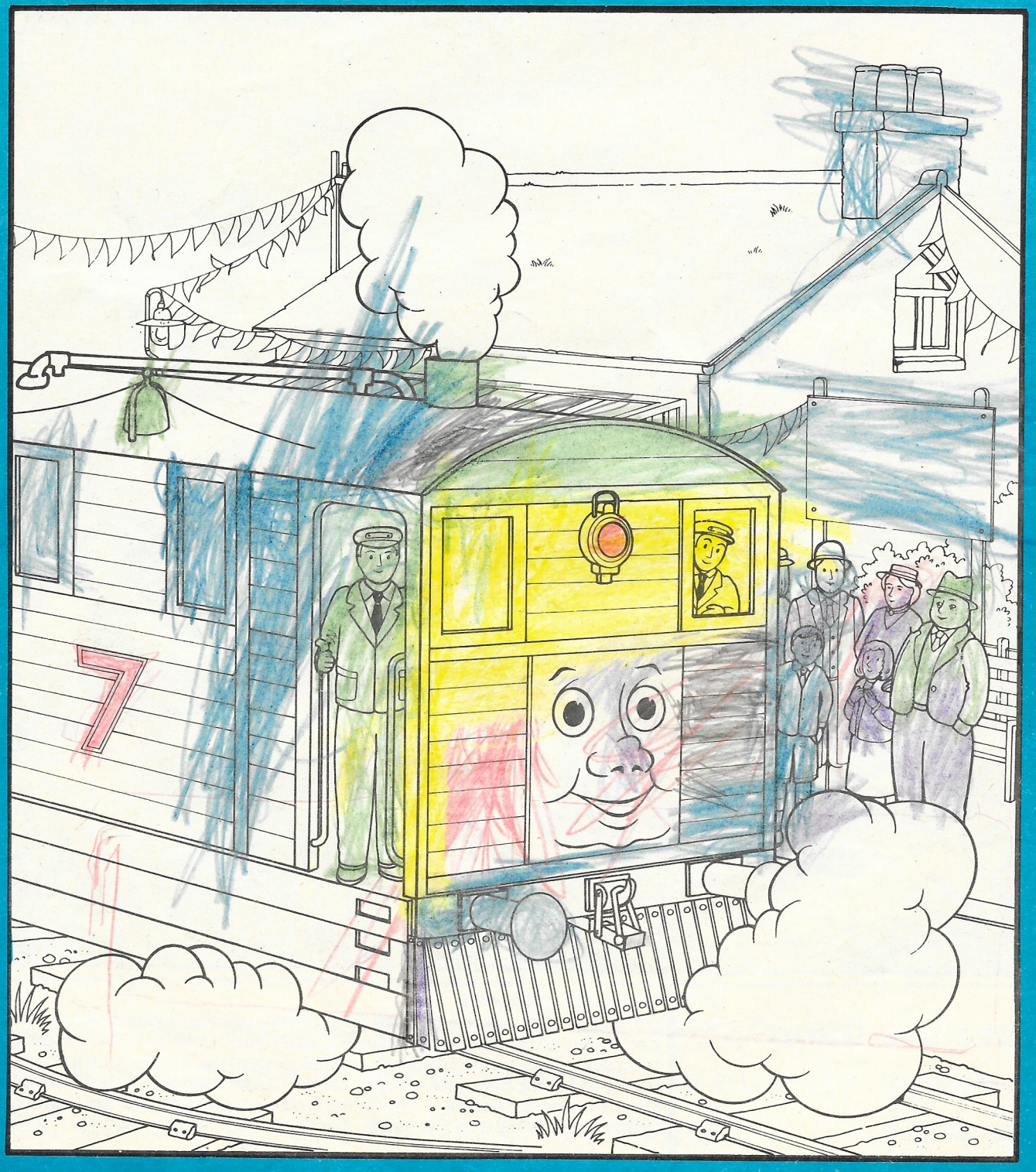
Note for parents

This page is designed to form part of a colourful mural for your child's bedroom, playgroup or classroom. After you have finished reading the magazine with your child, remove this part of the centrespread by cutting along the dotted line. There is a 'mural page' in every issue of **Thomas the Tank Engine & Friends.** Collect each one and watch Thomas and his friends puff all round the room!

Next: Into the clay pits!

COLOURING TIME!

Colour in Toby the Tram Engine!



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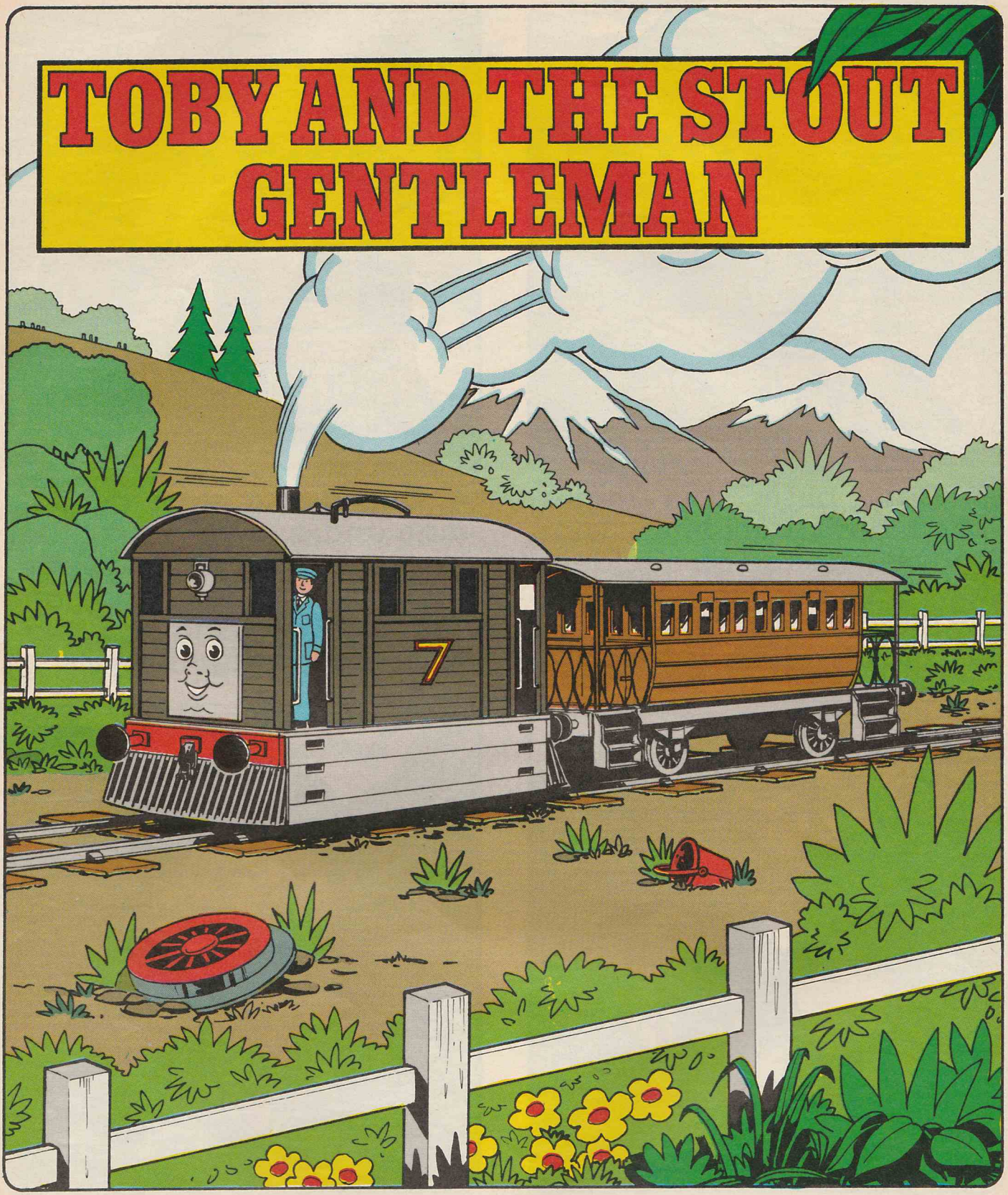
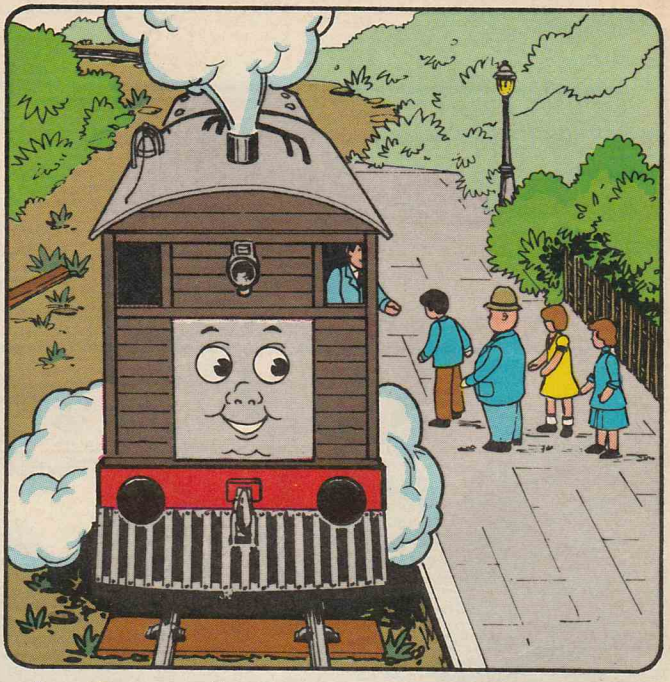


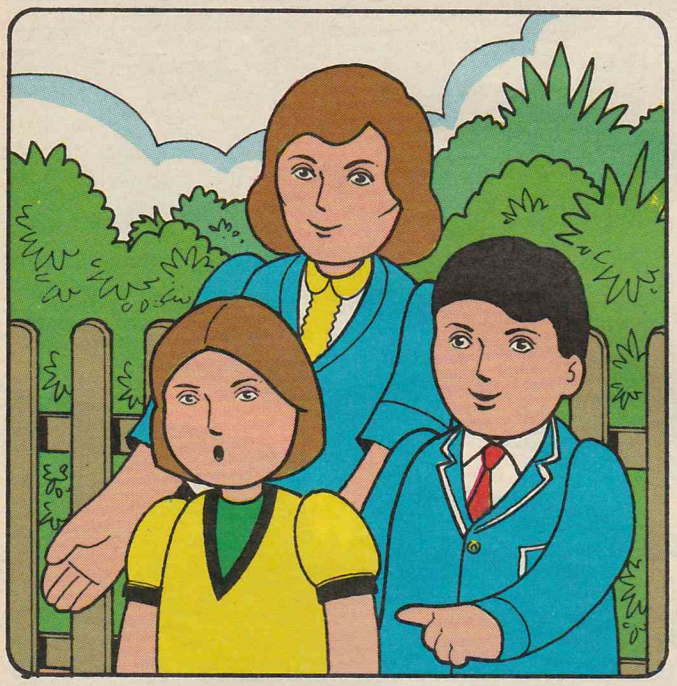
1. Toby is a tram engine. He has cow catchers and side plates and doesn't look like a steam engine at all. He takes trucks from farms and villages to the main line.

2. Toby is very fond of his coach Henrietta, who used to be full and have nine coaches behind her. But now she is empty. The goods from the factories go by road.

3. Cars, buses and lorries often have accidents. Poor Toby hasn't had an accident for years, but the goods go by lorry, the buses are crowded and Henrietta is empty.

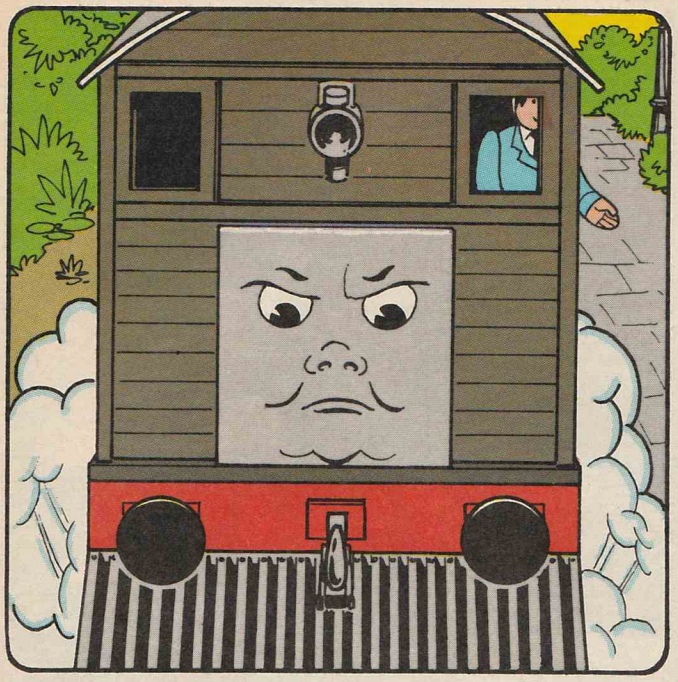


4. One day a stout gentleman and a lady with a little boy and girl, were on Toby's platform. The gentleman was the Fat Controller, but Toby didn't know this yet.

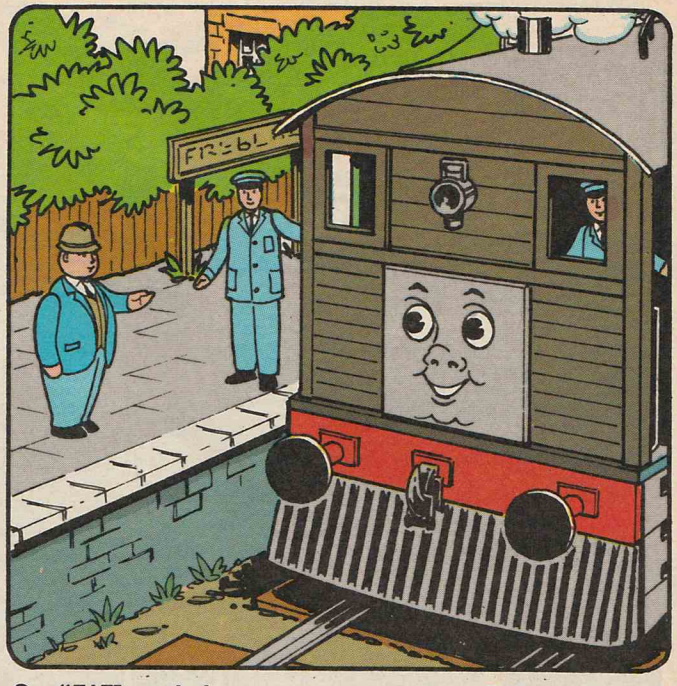


5. "Come on, grandfather," cried the children. "Do look at this engine." "That's a tram engine, Stephen," said the Fat Controller. "Is it electric?" asked Bridget.

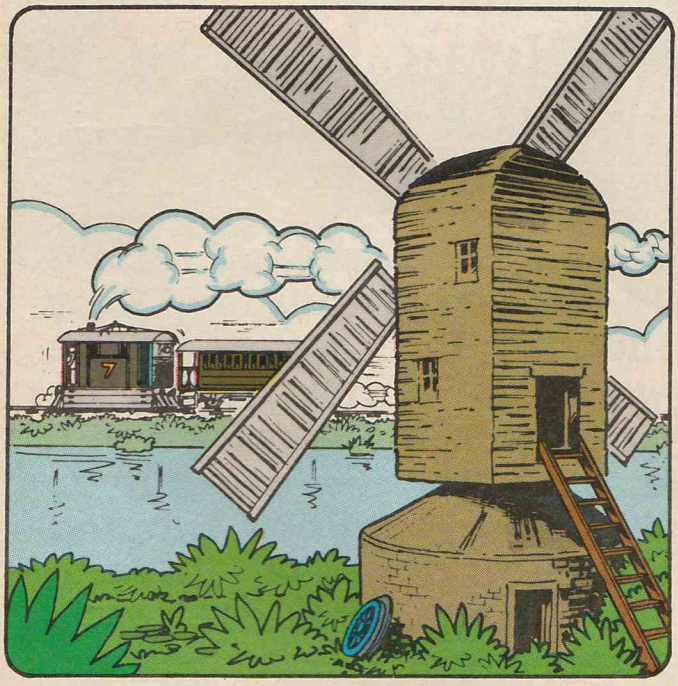
6. "Whoosh!" hissed Toby. "Sh!" said her brother. "You've offended him." "This is a steam tram," said the Fat Controller. Then he said "Stop!" as the guard blew his whistle.



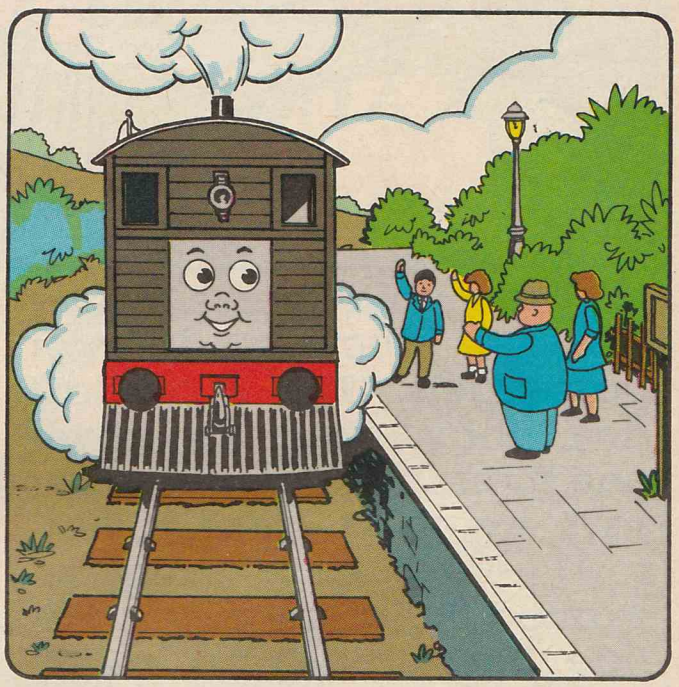
7. They all scrambled into Henrietta. "Hip hip hooray!" chanted Henrietta happily. But Toby did not sing. "Electric indeed. Electric indeed," he snorted. He was very hurt.



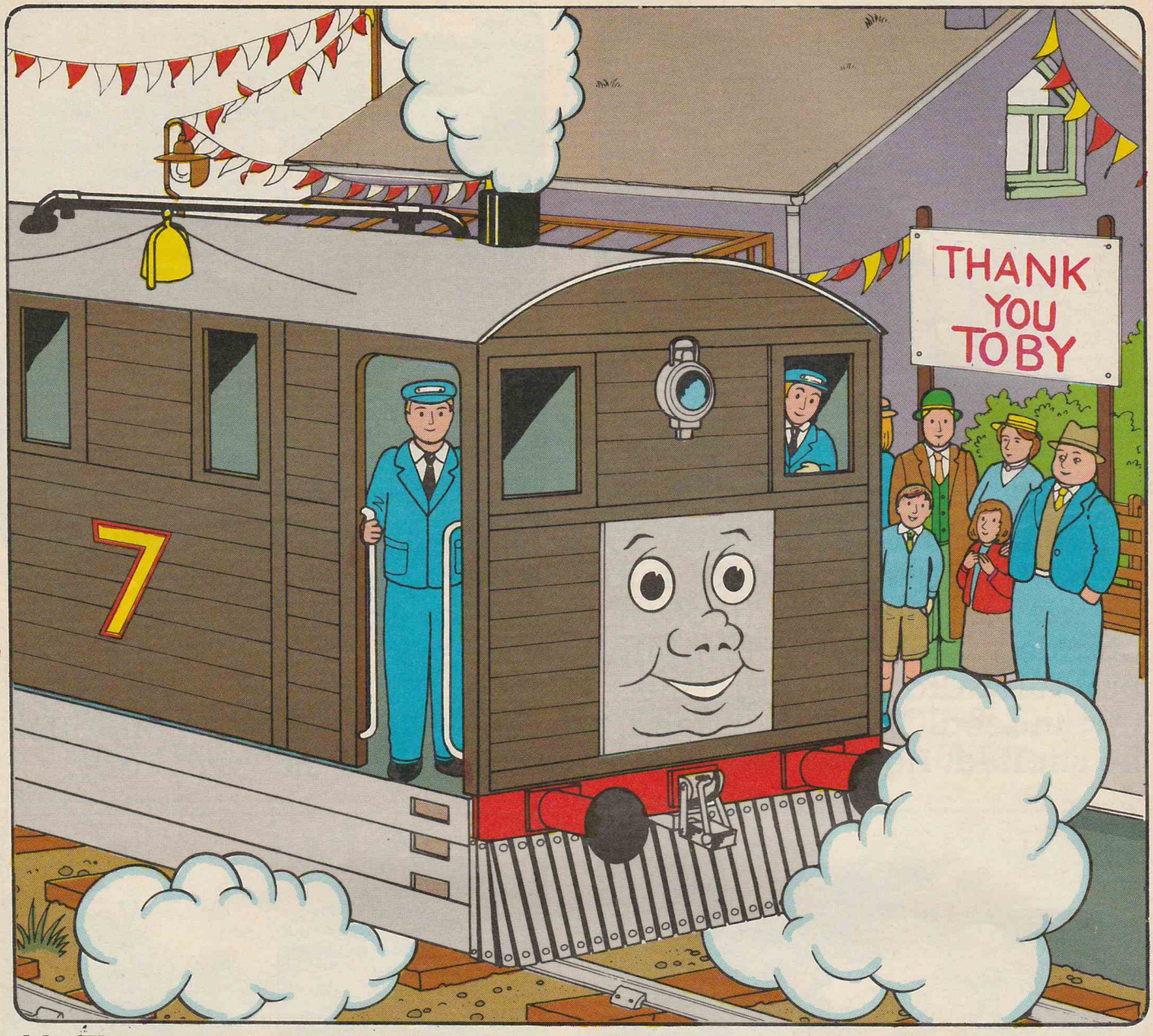
8. "What is your name?" asked the Fat Controller later. "Toby, sir," said Toby. "Thank you Toby, for a very nice ride," said the Fat Controller. "Thank **you**, sir," said Toby.



9. The children came every day for a fortnight. Sometimes they rode with the guard or in empty trucks. On the last day, the driver invited them into his cab.



10. All were sorry when they had to go away, and the Fat Controller and his family thanked everyone. "Come back soon," replied Toby. "We will," called the children.



11. The months passed. Toby had few trucks and fewer passengers. "This is our last day, Toby," said his driver one morning. "The Manager says we must close tomorrow." That day everyone wanted the chance of a last ride. Henrietta had so many passengers! As they travelled along, they joked and sang songs.

12. "Nobody wants me," Toby thought that night, as he went unhappily to sleep. Next morning he awoke with a start to see his driver. "Wake up, Toby," he shouted. "Listen to this letter. It's from the stout gentleman." Toby listened and... But I mustn't tell you any more or I shall spoil the story in our next issue.

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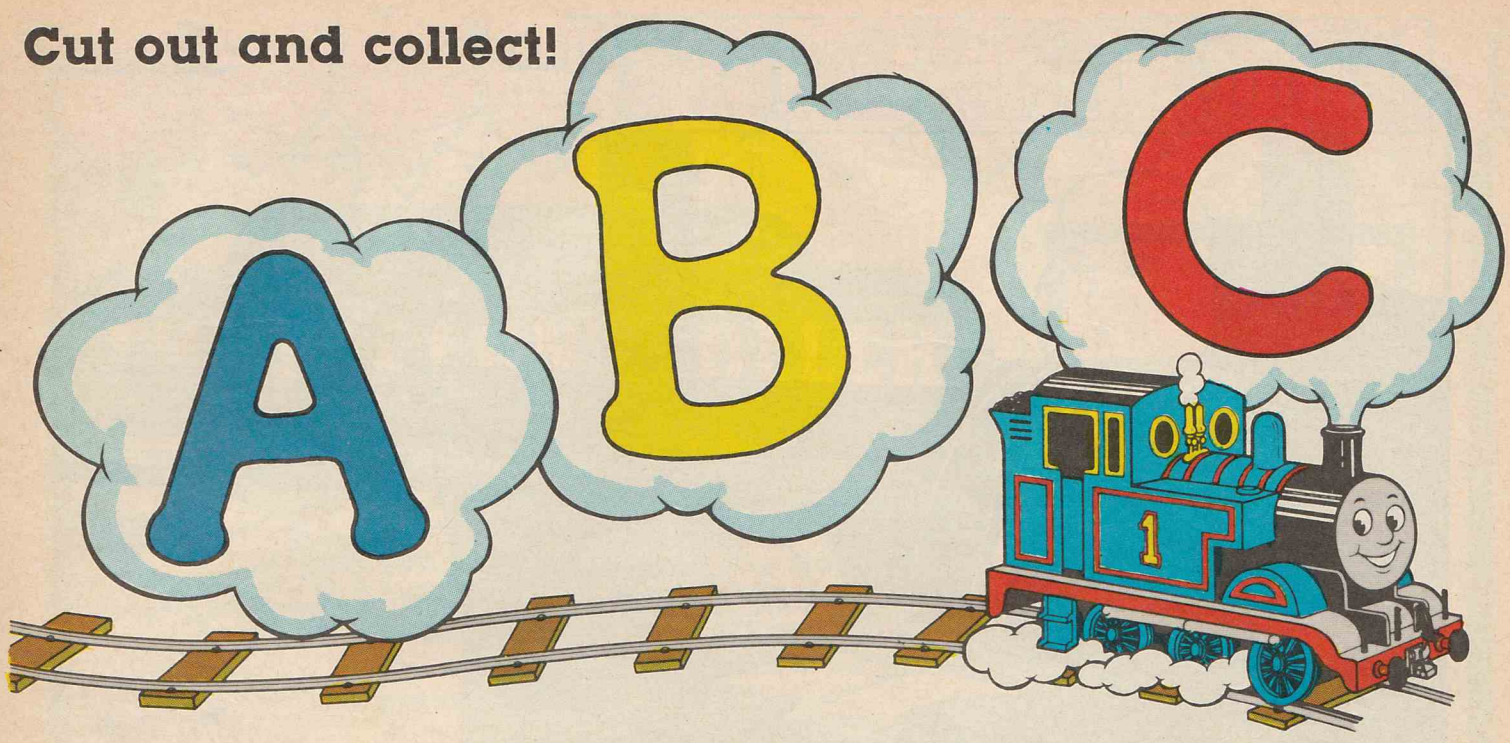

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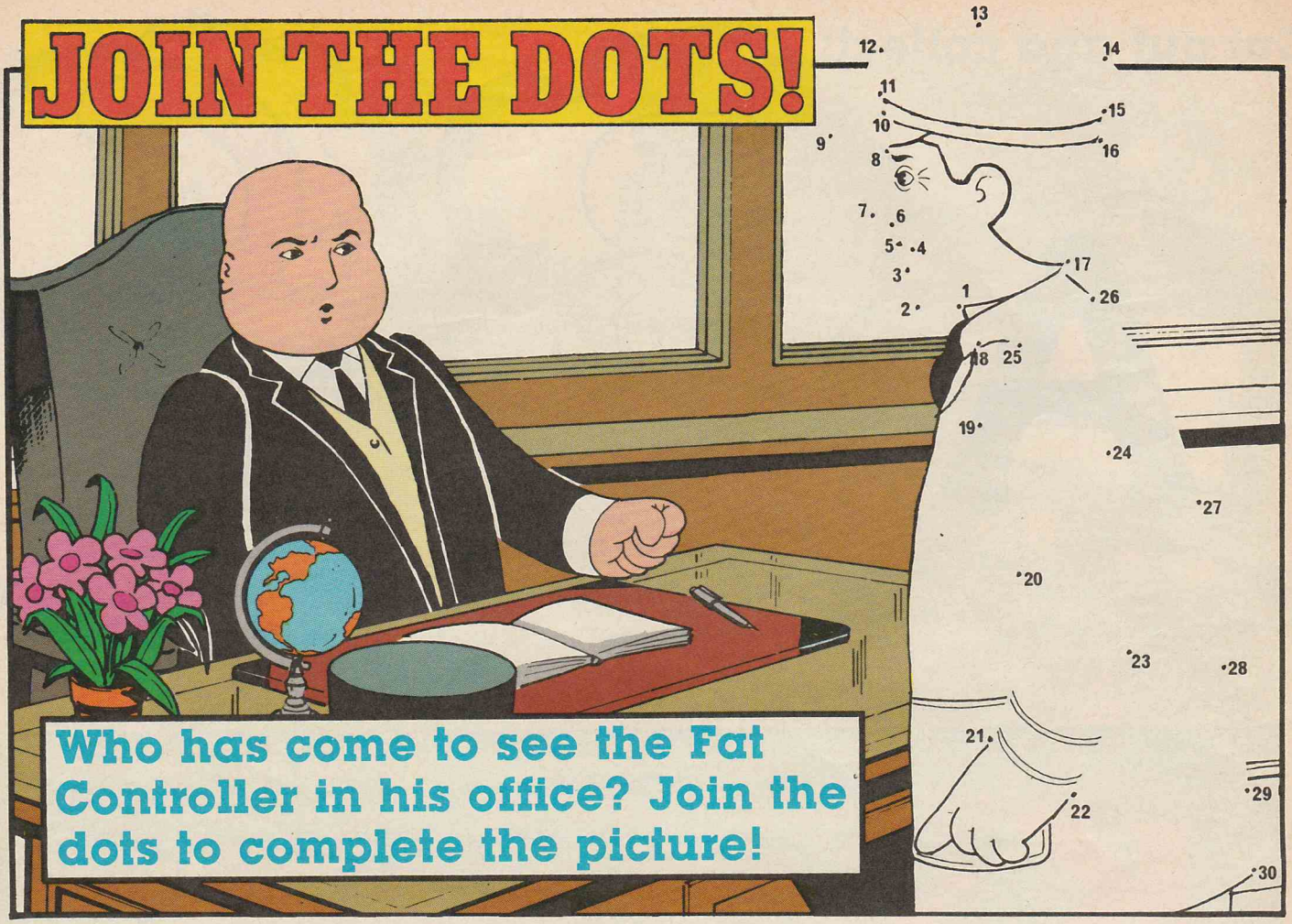

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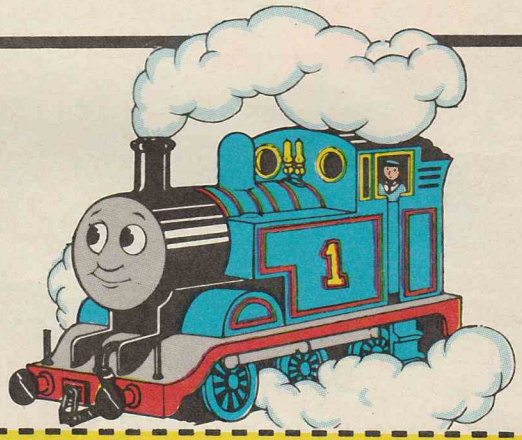

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CLUB MEMBER

Dear Fat Controller,

I am a member of the Thomas Club! My membership number is 1234. Wasn't I lucky! Love from **Richard,** aged 5.

I hope you look after your Club Pack carefully, Richard.

JAMES'S JAPES!

Why do golfers carry an extra sock?

In case they get a hole in one!

Lewis.

What do policemen have in their sandwiches?

Traffic jam!

Matthew.

What goes 'Oom, oom'?

A cow walking backwards!

Jodie.

DEE DEE DEE!

Dear Fat Controller,

I am writing for my baby brother, Malachy, who is two. He got a clockwork Thomas for Christmas and won't go to bed without it. He can say all the engines' names except Thomas. Instead he says **Dee Dee Dee** to Thomas's tune from the TV series. Love from **Clare,** aged 10.

Your brother sounds like a very jolly little fellow, Clare.

Clare and Malachy win a **Thomas the Tank Engine mug.**

Yours,

Sir Topham Hatt

The Fat Controller.

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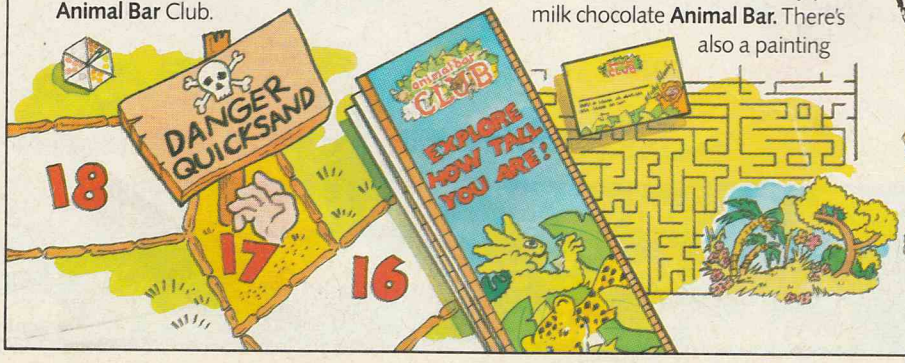

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